

## Eisenhower Library 2007 Calendar of Events

January 15-  
October 2007

### ***Art of Diplomacy: Gifts To Dwight D. Eisenhower***

Display contains a Rembrandt etching and other gifts given to Eisenhower during his two administrations by the general public, but most my foreign heads of state.

March 1, 8, 15

Paul H. Royer Film Series. Popular movies from the Eisenhower era are on screen in the Visitors Center Auditorium each year on the first three Thursdays of March, and are sponsored by Robert H. (Hank) Royer, Jr., the grandson of Paul H. Royer, an Abilene classmate of President Eisenhower.

March 30

State finals of the Kansas Geographical Bee competition will be at the Eisenhower Center. Students have already won their regional competition and winners of the state finals will then go on to national competition.

April 13-14

Kansas Association of Historians annual meeting. Dan Holt is the 2006-2007 president and will host sessions, reception, and lunch with keynote speaker at the Eisenhower Center.

April 18

Kasey Pipes, former speechwriter for California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, will present a lecture on his new book, *Ike's Final Battle: The Road to Little Rock*.

April 30

Abilene High School and Smoky Valley High School will present papers to the public that were researched at the Eisenhower Library.

May 2-3

“Heartland Presidential Libraries: Truman, Eisenhower And Clinton” Elderhostel. This eight-day itinerary Elderhostel will spend two nights in Abilene, KS, to study the culture and values that shaped President Eisenhower’s character. They will study aspects of his presidency through lectures to assess the challenges faced, decision made and lasting legacies of President Eisenhower. This program is in association with the University of Arkansas.

- May 18 1<sup>st</sup> Division Band Concert in front of the pylon area of the Eisenhower Center grounds. Co-sponsored by the Abilene Arts Council.
- May 16-19 “Heartland Presidential Libraries: Truman, Eisenhower And Clinton” Elderhostel. This is a repeat of the above program.
- May 24 *Archival Access Issues*, a Kansas City Area Archivists Symposium hosted at the Eisenhower Library. Speakers will address access to archeological records, privacy and Federal records, historical access to patient case files and the Richard M. Nixon presidential materials as a case study in access issues. The lunchtime speaker, Kansas State Archivist Matt Veatch, will discuss providing access to digital documents and electronic records. There will also be a round-table discussion of copyright and archival collections.
- June 14 Former Chiefs Staff Wreath Laying by officers/chaplain from Fort Riley Kansas
- September 6 “The Civil Rights Act of 1957: Catalyst for Little Rock,” a discussion by authors David A. Nichols and Irwin Gellman, to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1957. A reception and book signing will follow in the museum.
- September 16-21 “The Fabulous Fifties” Elderhostel. I Like Ike, Little Rock, rock n' roll, Edsel, Cold War, *The King and I*, television, Marilyn Monroe and hula hoops -- they were all part of the Fabulous Fifties! This theme week program explores all facets of the 1950s. The Eisenhower Decade, the Cold War, civil rights, music, television shows, Hollywood movie classics are just some of the topics covered in this week-long program.
- September 28 Constitution Day is celebrated with re-enactors portraying George Washington and other colonial soldiers and ladies of the era presenting a program on the importance of the Constitution of the United States.
- October 11 Marilyn Irvin Holt will present a lecture based on her book *Mamie Doud Eisenhower The General's First Lady* VC Auditorium

- October 11-13      Eisenhower Birthday Celebration Events will include Abilene Middle Schools 7<sup>th</sup> graders visiting the Center for special programs; annual VFW vigil at Eisenhower's grave site; Foundation Dinner with keynote speaker; and Presidential Wreath Laying Ceremony.
- November 11      Annual Veterans Day ceremony where local American Legion and VFW members present the colors, play taps and give short remarks honoring all American veterans, at the pylon area on the grounds of the Eisenhower Center.
- December 2      Annual Holiday Open House. The Eisenhower Center entertains visitors with free admission to the Eisenhower Museum, cookies and punch and a band concert by the Abilene Municipal Band.